

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election of species. In particular, the Examiner has identified the following as patentably distinct species of the invention: Specie I (Figures 1-10; Specie II (Figures 11-12); Specie III (Figures 13-21); Specie IV (Figures 22-27); Specie V (Figures 28-30); Specie VI (Figures 31-35); Specie VII (Figures 36-45a).

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, applicant elects Specie I, namely the species of Figures 1 through 10.

Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, due to the initial numbering, and the apparent renumbering of the claims by way of the preliminary amendment, Applicant has cancelled all claims 1 through 43. Subsequently, Applicant has added claims 44 through 84, which correspond to the initial claims. These added claims include the substantive amendments of initially numbered claims 1, 15, 39 and 40 as well as the cancellation of initially numbered claims 3 and 16.

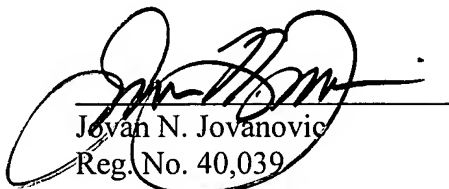
With respect to the claims that read upon Specie I, Applicant submits that the following claims read thereupon, namely claims 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 70, 71, 72, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 82 and 83.

Applicant submits that the number of claims is less than the original filing. In turn, Applicant submits that no additional fees are due at the present time.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the invention is presently in condition for substantive examination. Reconsideration and substantive examination is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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